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Title: Xanthine derivatives, the preparation thereof and their use as  
pharmaceutical compositions

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks before commencing examination of the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 38 of this paper.